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Hockey is back - not a moment too soon

My thumbs are really sore; also the CBC needs to step up

By Geoff Gauthier
Managing Editor

Hockey is back. Or is it? With bated breath I have waited for the 2005/2006 NHL season. I have waited through an NHL lockout only to come face to face with a CBC lockout, which could result in no more Hockey Night in Canada.

As a reward for my patience during last year's season, the CBC should set aside its really annoying internal struggle and give us what we want: Less Antiques Roadshow – Nova Scotia and more hockey. For real, I actually watched one of those epic coming-of-age movies about a young white boy with no family who goes out into the bush to live with his uncle and learn the ways of the First Nation's people of the area. All four hours of it. I was on holidays. And there was no hockey to watch.

Even with such "quality" programming running on the CBC during this lockout, I've got to say I'm a little concerned about a broadcaster other than the CBC getting the television rights to National Hockey League games this year. Remember when Fox did that thing with laser on the puck? I don't want that to happen... ever again.

Not that anyone at the CBC has ever taken me seriously, but seriously CBC, have you learned nothing from last year's NHL lockout? Look what happened. The lockout killed the 2004/2005 season and hockey fans all over the globe, and specifically here in Canada, and even more specifically me, were forced to play hundreds of hours of NHL 2005 on their Xbox consoles to repli-

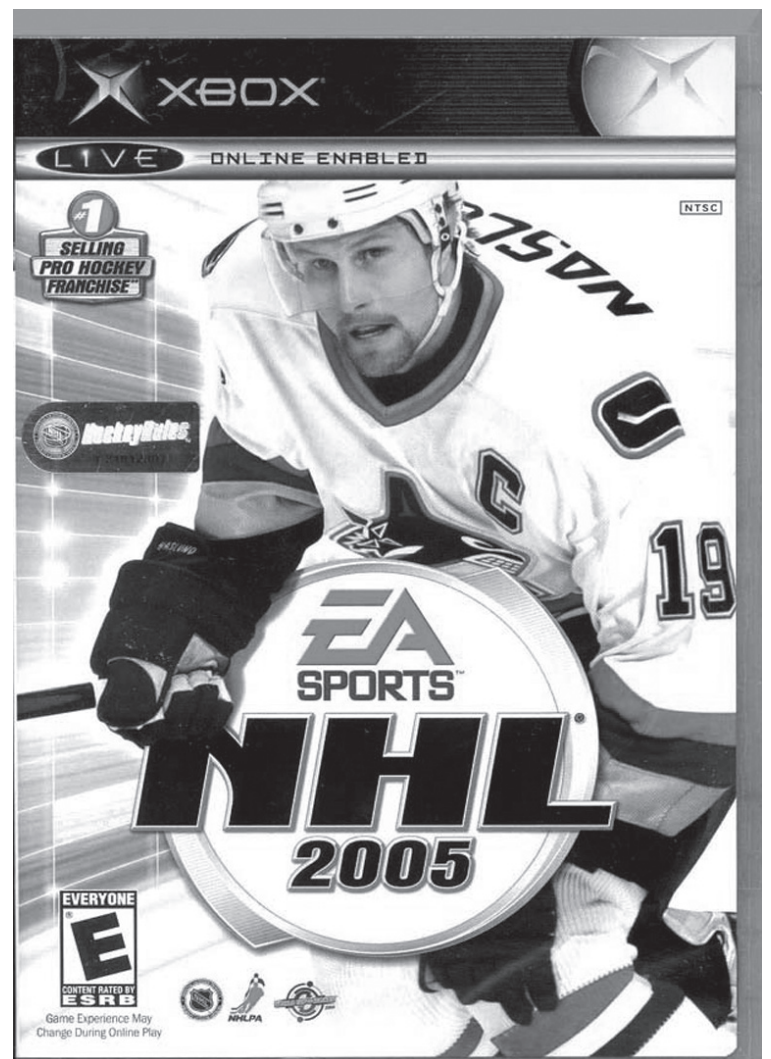
cate the missing on-ice action.

Consequently, according to my Dynasty Mode season, my Philadelphia Flyers won the Stanley Cup in 2005, ousting the Montreal Canadiens four games to one. Also consequently, Mark Messier retired at the end of the season. Oh how art mimics life.

Triumphant fantasy aside, the loss of the NHL last year resulted in me sitting at home on my couch making trades, upgrading my assistant coaches, babying Keith Primeau, and generally not hanging out with my friends and contributing to the economy by drinking beer at the local brew house. I didn't really miss hockey last year because I played Xbox hockey whenever I had the spare time, which was far too often, because now I had more time to myself. I actually spent less time socializing with friends, because this was largely accomplished the year previous while catching a pint and taking in a game on the big screen at the pub.

It was no different here on campus last year. Professor Mugs was devoid of customers after about 5 pm on any given day, losing business to a lack of televised hockey, which meant that students weren't connecting in the pub like they're supposed to, leading to the eventual social demise of young Canadians.

This being said, the CBC will be indirectly responsible for killing young adult social lives this year if they do not sign a TV contract with the NHL. Plus, I don't have the kind of time to put in to a new season of hockey on the Xbox. While I type this, every time I hit the spacebar, my slap shot thumb flares up. That's bad. I think I'll go call my friends.



Burns Bog burning

Delta peat fire may burn for weeks; months

By Heather Thompson
2nd Year Robotics

The smoke and odour that permeated our campus earlier this week was due to a 500 acre fire in Burns Bog. The cause of the fire is at this point unknown and no investigation is planned until after the fire is out.

Firefighters attempted to control the blaze with a fire-break in the hopes it would not jump the

break and spread farther. The concern was mainly for the sake of the fire fighters as a bog fire is quite dangerous. The fire can spread underground and cause weak areas in the peat that pose a threat to anyone walking on top.

The nature of a bog fire is also dangerous due to the difficulty with controlling it. A bog fire can burn for months as evidenced by the Burns Bog fire in the same area in 1996.

Water bombers and air tankers

were called on to help control the blaze. They dumped water and fire retardant to cool the blaze and make it safe for the fire fighters to go in on foot.

Eliza Olson, President of the Burns Bog Conservation Society, said that fire was a necessary component of bog life. In fact, her research shows that Native Americans would use fire to rejuvenate a bog approximately every 80 years. She said the priority now is controlling this fire to

minimize the impact on the community at large.

Olson stated that the water table, which had been lowered in that area, will most likely be raised again. A water level at the surface of the bog not only helps prevent fires but also promotes healthy growth of sphagnum moss and drowns out sun blocking trees.

She reminds us of the importance of the bog and its contribution to our community.

Simply amazing: Shinerama's modern incarnation

Big prizes and crazy games highlight this years event

By Geoff Gauthier
Managing Editor

Forty-one years ago, Shinerama was born. During orientation week, a group of students hit the streets, boot-black equipment in hand, to shine shoes in exchange for donations to the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF).

Since modern footwear has strayed away from the classic leather loafers of yore, so too has the notion of shining said loafers for charity. It was time for a change.

Three years ago, the Amazing Race at BCIT was born. In late September, groups of students began collecting pledges for the CCFF and making boasts about how they would prove their athletic prowess on the field of honour, pitted against other groups of students in a miniature Olympiad like no other.

Consisting of several games of skill, like Maquinna Mountain Madness and Beat the Pond, the Amazing Race is a new and creative approach to raising funds in the continued fight against cystic fibrosis.

"This year [the Amazing Race] is going to be awesome," said Andrea Charlton, VP Marketing & Public Relations and this year's Shinerama coordinator. Charlton also stated that the prize lineup this year is the biggest and best yet.

"We have twelve BlackBerries to give away," said Charlton, "and 18 one-month parking passes, and hundreds of dollars in gift certificates." The prizes will be awarded to teams collecting the most pledges, teams with the best race times, and given away as draw prizes.

There will be an awards ceremony after the Amazing Race is over at Professor Mugs pub,

hosted by the high energy duo of Nikki and Ryan Steele, and supported by the whimsical live performance by the band The Wet Spots.

The Amazing Race will take place on Wednesday, September 28 on the sports field behind the gym. Teams can sign up at any of the booths in the great hall or at the Student Association office. Space is limited to 100 teams, and slots are filling up fast. Each team consists of six members who pay a total of \$90 (\$15 each) for the race fee and teams are encouraged to wear costumes, make banners, etc. all in the name of fun for a great cause.

Be on the lookout for other Shinerama events leading up to race day including the Shinerama Social Auction on September 21 and the Shinerama Party at Richard's on Richards on September 23rd. For More info, contact Andrea Charlton at vppr@bcitsa.ca



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Canadian university tuition fee increases slow to a crawl

Smallest increase in 25 years largely overshadowed by huge increase since 1990-91

By Erika Meere
The McGill Daily (McGill University)

MONTREAL (CUP) -- As Canadian university students head back to class this week, a new Statistics Canada study has found that undergraduates will face the lowest average fee increase in more than 25 years.

The study, released Sept. 1, found that the tuition fees will rise by an average of 1.8 per cent in the 2005-06 academic year. Undergraduates can now expect to pay an average of \$4,214 in tuition fees, up from \$4,140 last year.

Although this is the smallest increase since the 1978-79 academic year, when fees rose only 1.5

per cent, or an average of \$627, student groups point out that the average tuition fee has more than tripled since 1990-1991, meaning serious consequences for the accessibility of post-secondary education for students from low and middle-income families.

"A small percentage increase is still a significant dollar increase to students when tuition is already so high," said Phillippe Ouellette, National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

The modest increase is attributed to tuition freezes in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Newfoundland and Labrador. In addition, British Columbia has capped its tuition fee increases to the rate of inflation, while in Nova Scotia, increases are restricted to 4 per cent a year.

Ontario, which has long been at or near the top in highest cost of education, has dropped to fifth in average tuition.

"Two years without tuition fee hikes in Ontario has improved Ontario's affordability standing relative to other provinces," said Jesse Greener, Ontario Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "But we need to be clear, it's not that affordability in Ontario has improved, it's just that other provinces have become so much worse."

Despite the cap on fee increases, students in Nova Scotia will again pay the highest tuition fees in the country. Acadia University student Noah Gataveckas said it's a challenge finding enough money to cover tuition and living expenses, even with a full time

summer job and substantial support from his parents.

Gataveckas, an arts editor at the student newspaper, said that while he would love his education to be as cheap as possible, a tuition freeze is not necessarily the answer.

"The university needs to cover its costs somehow," he said.

In Saskatchewan, universities have granted students a tuition freeze without making any significant cutbacks to programs or services. That's because last spring, the provincial government announced \$6.4 million in additional funding to prop up the universities' tuition freeze.

However, Barbara Pollock, VP External at the University of Saskatchewan, said the freeze could not be maintained without addi-

tional funds from the provincial government.

"Everyone is looking for a way to keep education accessible for students, but we have to keep up with modern needs," she said.

Ian Boyko, Campaigns and Government Relations director for the Canadian Federation of Students, called on the federal government to help the provinces offset the loss of revenue from tuition fee freezes.

He said that the federal government has cut more than \$4 billion since the mid 1990s, when Prime Minister Paul Martin was Finance Minister.

Although Martin promised during his election campaign to restore \$7 billion to post secondary education, he has yet to follow through on this promise.

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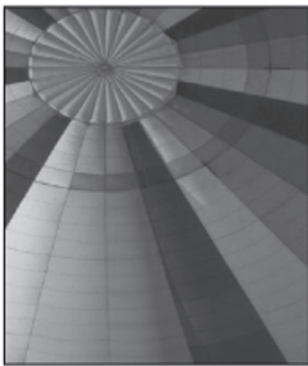
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Friday, September 23rd
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Wednesday, September 28th
2:30 p.m. in SW1 - Room 3170

▪ Study Skills - (Counselling)

Whether studying individually or with others in a small group, the principles of active learning apply. A student needs to be both aggressive and disciplined with assigned work. Pacing is extremely important to keep up with scheduled assignments and exams and conserve energy for the demanding parts of the term. It is important to relax and have fun with your work; enjoy your growth in learning new skills.

Wednesday, September 28th
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in SE6, Room 208

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Back to School Gadgets

Too much awesome to handle

By Ryan Malzer
2nd Year Radio Broadcast

Ok so we're back in full-swing at school now, and we couldn't be happier... right? OK so your brain is still set to summer and that's OK. But when you see all the amazing gizmos that you can purchase to make your life smoother you won't be able to resist showing up to class to brag to all of your friends.

Now keep in mind all of these inventions are pretty cutting edge so you might have to wait until they hit the market to get your greasy mittens all over them. Here are a couple of toys to make your geeky mind bleed.

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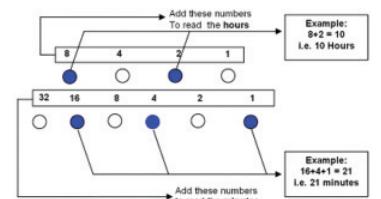


nothing is more reliable than binary code.

Oh and don't forget about the hotties you can get flashing this LED bling round campus.

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Would you like to share your insider information with your fellow students? YES? Great, because we'd love to hear from you!

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Coping with stress at BCIT

By **Tiffany Binstead**
2nd Year Marketing

The most powerful knowledge that you can gain from BCIT is not what you might think, first year students. Anyone who has attended BCIT for more than one year knows that one of the most valuable pieces of knowledge that you will leave here with is the ability to deal with stress in an efficient and effective way.

Some of you may already know how to do this but the majority of you have no clue how intense this year will be for you regarding time management and course load. Your first month will seem like a breeze, but I warn you this is only the beginning. The first mistake I made in my first year was getting behind on my homework. Then I began to pursue a social life over staying home and keeping up on my reading. Where people skills are vital to survival at BCIT, you must always keep your priorities in mind. And finally I grouped myself with people I hung out with on a social level and learned quickly that working with friends, which is the worst thing I could have done. You will learn over the course of this year who to work with and who not to work with, but in the mean time, while you are still unaware of who these people are, you must learn how to deal with all the issues that will be thrown at you in the next 9 months.

I can say with experience that I learned the hard way. I had been placed in a group with individuals that didn't compliment my personality and unfortunately I dealt with the situation in the wrong manner. I had decided that I would do what I always did, which was to retaliate with a raised voice and words that attempted to hit them where it counted. I look back on the situation now and feel regret for saying and doing what I did. It never got me anywhere; it only minimized my credibility within the group. I can say that it took me until this summer, when I was reflecting on the prior school year, to realize that I must attempt another way to deal with my frustration and stress that was caused by my course load, extra-curricular activities, teams, and personal life. I figured the stress would only get worse this school year if I didn't find some way to handle it now.

My approach was to keep myself busy so that I wouldn't get lazy and I would have to force

myself to multi-task. This helps me stay on top of all my assignments, homework, and soon my group meetings.

Sleep is key to keeping yourself stress-free. If possible avoid late nights, all-nighters, and coffee; they do nothing for your system except cause you to burn out. As far as group members that don't compliment my way of working,

I just choose my battles wisely and don't let it get personal. There is a certain extent to which you can fight that is productive, but anything more than that just becomes personal and resorts in nothing but hurt feelings. A piece of advice: When you do choose to fight an issue, make sure that you have thought long and hard about why you think your way is better

and make sure that you can back it up. Insufficient information to back up your fight will give you no chance in convincing anyone about what you think.

I have now given you an insight into things to expect this coming year that you probably won't hear from your teachers.

I learned a lot about dealing with stress at BCIT from a sec-

ond year student last year and it helped me extensively to the point that I felt I should pass it along. My approach may not work for everyone, but give it a try when you think you are going to break down. But if all else fails, when you get a moment to yourself sit down and have a nice cup of chamomile tea and let it relax you!

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The Link asked - "How are you supporting yourself financially this year at BCIT? And how's that going for you so far?"



Sandra B.
2nd Year Marketing

"My parents [are paying for school], it works REALLY well."



Brian W.
1st Year Broadcast TV

"Hustling, mostly because I enjoy it, and it's going pretty good."



Justine G.
2nd Year Fin. Man.

"Student loans - I'm going to be short, everything is expensive."



Scott W.
1st Year Broadcast TV

"Part-time work, I'm a cashier at Superstore - it's tough balancing work with school."

Audiophile

Radio Broadcast student Ryan Malzer checks out the latest tunes



Our Lady Peace - Healthy in Paranoid Times
**** / 5

Our Lady Peace really wants you to know that they took 1165 days to record their latest album. Thinking about it now that is a really long time.

Right out of the gates you will notice how much Raine Maida has softened his voice since the days of Naveed, and Clumsy. In fact the whole band sounds more mature and calmed down, so if you're expecting a really heavy album from OLP then you might be sadly disappointed.

Oddly enough the album was produced by former Metallica producer Bob Rock. Personally I thought that it could have had a little more energy in some spots.

But don't get me wrong it's a great album. It's 45 minutes long and spans 14 tracks with songs like "Where are You," and "Walk-

ing in Circles."

Another good thing to check out on this release is the sleeve. No pictures of the band, just an old, trashed building with daunting stats on the wall. For example 42 million children are on Ritalin. I really gave this album a good listen and enjoyed it but, I still prefer the old OLP that reminded us that Superman's dead.



The Trews - Den of Thieves
***.5 / 5

Another good Canadian band, The Trews. On their latest album what you get is good rock with a bluesy feel to it. I find a lot of people are unsure whether they like this band or not, and I'm still unsure whether I do either. Upon listening to the album I came to a somewhat clear decision.

It has strong points like "Cry," a good break up song with catchy

lyrics and sharp guitar. Or "Poor Ol' Broken-hearted Me," which really leans to bluegrass. But it has its bad points with songs like "Yearning," and "I Got Myself to Blame," which sound repetitive and could really edge you if you aren't into it.

This album has strong vocals with somewhat catchy guitar riffs. But it can be repetitive and they aren't doing anything new or exciting. So upon being torn I will give this album 3.5 out of five stars. I can say this album would be ok on a road trip or something, but I can't see it staying in my home stereo very long.

On a side note remember that you can always get a cool band name if you mess with the spelling of a regular word by throwing in different letters. Bravo.



Natasha Bedingfield - Unwritten
*.5 / 5


OK, I've never heard of this girl before her CD slipped across my desk. The only song I recognized was the first song that's been playing on the radio for quite some time "These Words." Unfortunately I thought it was a sub-par Nelly Furtado.

I did listen to this album... the whole thing. You know when you eat food at a kiosk and feel ill? Well this album is kind of like that. Overproduced, much formed pop music.

She doesn't write her own music or play instruments and her vocals are heavily filtered. I'm not going to point on any good songs because the album doesn't really have any range.


I don't know. If you want an album that sounds like half a dozen female pop singers then fill your boots, but if you want to listen to music, then stay far away from this album. 1.5 out of five stars.

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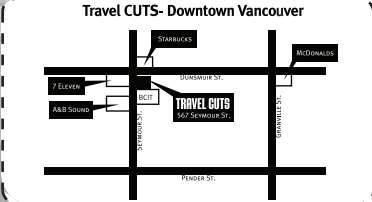
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In other words, do you think it's wrong that some private auto insurance companies **discriminate against people on the basis of age, gender or marital status** instead of basing auto insurance rates on their actual driving record?

Or that it's wrong that some private insurance companies profit from their ability to discriminate against people?

► We are looking for a small group of people willing to take a stand against discrimination by private auto insurance companies – by pursuing a legal challenge in BC Supreme Court against companies who use discrimination to profit.

We believe this discrimination is illegal and we are seeking a Court judgment that would stop this discrimination.

There would be no financial liability on your part to participate in this court case, just a commitment of a small amount of your time.

We would pay the legal fees.

If you are interested and are between 16 and 25 years of age and single or over 60 years of age regardless of marital status, please contact us at:

**Anti-Discrimination Lawsuit
Suite 560 - 280 Nelson Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 2E2**

or: fair_insurance@fastmail.fm

Are you willing to do something about it?

MA Corner

Shinerama: teamwork, awareness, networking, and bidding on your fellow students



By Alida Tainton
BCITMA

Shinerama is Canada's largest post secondary student run fundraiser. More than 60 Canadian colleges/universities take part in this great cause to help fund research for Cystic

Fibrosis.

Shinerama was started way back in 1964 as a shoe-shining fundraiser. Today, over 40 years later, the event has grown to include countless activities and has raised over \$16 million since the inception of the fundraiser in 1964.

Backed by student motivation and major sponsors such as HBC, Shinerama is a big success every year. BCIT's main student fund-

raising events for this campaign include: The Amazing Race, BCIT Student Social Auction, and the Shinerama Party at Richard's on Richards nightclub.

The BCIT Marketing Association is proud to host the Student Social Auction on Wednesday, September 21st at 2:30 pm in the Great Hall. The BCITMA is excited to team with both AIM (Association of Interactive Marketers) and ACE (Advancing Ca-

nadian Entrepreneurship), to offer up members of BCIT's elite marketing associations for charity.

What do you do after all you've spent all your money bidding on students? Join the BCITMA at Richard's on Richards on Friday, September 23rd for the annual Shinerama Party.

Tickets will be on sale from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Great Hall starting Monday, September 12th through until Friday, Sep-

tember 23rd. But act fast and buy your tickets before Friday, September 16th and you will also be entered into an early bird draw for a chance to win a prize pack from our sponsors.

This event is your opportunity to get to know your fellow students and contribute to a worthy cause. The Shinerama Party is a guaranteed good time and always sells out, so get your tickets early. Hope to see you there!



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Coach's Corner

Work search made simple



By Pat Slatten
BCIT Work Search Coach

Looking for work? register for eJobs. Make sure you register at www.bcit.ca/ses/eJobs. This is how thousands of employers recruit BCIT students and graduates.

* Completing your CACEE Application Form: Wednesday, September 21 @ 2:30 p.m. (Learning Commons, Library SE14 - Room 350)

* Interview with Confidence: Wednesday, September 28 @ 2:30 p.m. (SW1 - Room 3170)

* Interview Skills Workshop: Wednesday, October 5 @ 2:30 p.m. (Townsquare D)

All C.A. articling positions for next September are advertised on eJobs. Deadline: September 29, 2005

UPCOMING SEMINARS

* The Power of Portfolios: Wednesday, October 12 @ 2:30 p.m. (SW1 - Room 3170)

* Marketing Yourself for Employment: Wednesday, October 19 @ 2:30 p.m. (SW1- Room 3170)

* Resumes That Get Results: Wednesday, October 26 @ 2:30 p.m. (Learning Commons, Library SE14 - Room 350)

* Cover Letters: From Dull to Sparkling: Wednesday, November 2 @ 2:30 p.m. (Learning Commons, Library SE14 - Room 350)

No pre-registration required.

DROP-IN for a resume review or to ask work search questions: Mon. & Wed.: 9 - 11 a.m. Tue. & Thu.: 2 - 4 p.m.

Don't wait until you are about to graduate to ask for help. Visit Student Employment Services at SW1 - Room 1022 to use the resources. Attend a seminar, drop-in or make an appointment with the Work Search Coach. Check out our website at www.bcit.ca/ses/students. Looking for work is a continual process of refinement - building your skills to successfully launch that new career.

Submit your questions to worksearchcoach@bcit.ca, & be eligible for prize draw. And if you would like to email me your resumes, cover letters, or draft interview answers, I will be glad to give you some feedback.



Classified Ads

Classifieds are free for students, accompanied with your student ID, and \$10 for all other advertisements.

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Send classifieds to the Link office at: 604.432.8974 or ads@bcitsa.ca, or if you will, slide them under our door at SE2 rm 285, between the image centre and the Uconnect resource centre.

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Fri, Sept. 16th
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\$25/ticket, or \$200/table, South Hall, 8273 Ross St, Vancouver
www.vibc.org for more info.

Tue, Sept. 20th
DAMIEN
THE HYPNOTIST
Come see him at his best in the professor mugs pub. Doors open at 7pm.

Wed, Sept. 21st
SHINERAMA BBQ
Also featuring a Bachelor/Bachelorette auction taking place in SE2 from 11am to 1pm.

ADVANTAGE SEMINAR
Completing your CACEE application form. In the library, SE14 Rm. 350 at 2:30pm.

Thurs, Sept. 22nd
LIVE @ LUNCH
Come watch Craig Cardiff play his heart felt songs out to you in the great hall at 12:30pm. Free admission.

Fri, Sept. 23rd
SHINERAMA PARTY at

Richard's on Richard's.
ADVANTAGE SEMINAR
What is fitness? In the Gym, SE16, Rm. 171 from 3:30pm to 5pm.

Sun, Sept. 25th
THE TAURUS INCIDENT
A night of new music and planetarium visuals at the H.R. Macmillan Planetarium, 1100 Chestnut. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Tickets available at: Zulu, Beatstreet, Scratch, and Noize To Go.

Wed, Sept. 28th
AMAZING RACE!!!
Come participate in a worthy cause for the kids by racing, cheering or volunteering. Visit www.bcitsa.ca for more details.

SHINERAMA AWARDS CEREMONY
Featuring the WET SPOTS in the professor mugs pub from 2pm till late.

ADVANTAGE SEMINAR
Interview with confidence (C.A. Recruitment)
2:30pm in SW1 Rm. 3170
Study skills strategy
2:30pm- 4pm. SE6 Rm 208

Thur, Sept. 29th
LINK NEWSPAPER
Student newspaper hits stands.

Have an event coming up? Need to sell your old stuff? Call the Link for details. 604.432.8974

Queen Size Bed
One slightly used hotel-style box spring and mattress, queen size, with black painted wooden frame. \$200 o.b.o. also...

Ikea Sofa w/Pullout Bed
Cream coloured sofa/bed combo, about 5 years old, nice shape, twin size bed, about 6 feet long, call for details \$200 o.b.o

Call 604.764.8076

Attention first year students!
Complete the BCIT Student Orientation Survey and enter to win an Apple iPod! Check your myBCIT email account to

LIFE IN HELL

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see if you have been selected to participate.

The Link is awesome, so come and volunteer. We will be having meetings every second Monday at 1:00pm starting Sept. 19!

BCITSA hires BCIT alumni. Isn't that awesome?

Hey Sub Lady, that sub just didn't hit the spot. AAAAAAAAAAAAAA!

Hey You QUIT wearing that cowboy hat!

Hey you with the fancy pants, try not walking like that for a change. Think you're so fancy, well you're not!

So I believed in the ads that said that microwave dinners are good and wholesome, right outta the box, but guess what? They aren't.

Say it again, I dare you.

Hey Cuteness, I saw you walking down the hall after lecture yesterday. I wanted to grab your ass, but you were just out of reach.

Why is there no channel one?

Hey Smart ass, who asked you to be part of our gang anyway?

Hey JL, do you speak French? I heard that you do it well. We should get together and find out.

There's something wicked about trees, the way they blow in the breeze, it's like a scrape on the knees, can you help me please?

The following people suck: Trevor, Jim, Janet, Sara, Spooks, Marky and Anna.

The following people rule: Candice, Matt, Jason, Handy, Trish, Jenn, and Sam.

The other day, I saw a fat guy on a moped. I felt sad, but I also felt guilty for feeling sad. It's not every day that you see your future.

Movies I saw this summer that

were good: none. Movies I saw this year that were bad: all of them.

Hey Bananas, it was awesome when you peeled for me.

Wanna write a "Hey You?" I know you do. Come by the Link office and grab some "Hey You" forms from the door, fill 'em out anonymously, and place them in the envelope on the window. No one will know your name, unless you want them to. Best times to not get caught by the staff are before 9am and after 5pm.

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There's magic in the stars

The Link's own clairvoyant Paul Gill takes a look into your lives

By Paul Gill
2nd Year Part Time Studies

Horoscopes we all love them don't we? I mean we even pick up The Province just to read our horoscopes. They are so sweet, insightful and down right encouraging. I'm getting pretty sick of all the B.S., aren't you? Most of them are just so wishy-washy and rarely are true. For example let's say I get hit by a bus on the way to school and my horoscope that day says "People will be attracted to your passionate enthusiasm....." How? I'm in a freaking coma.

Students at BCIT need a real life horoscope pointing out all the horrifying truth under all the mambo jumbo. You and I need the truth, it's like Buckley's cough medicine "It tastes awful but it works." This is just a twisted summary of our signs and who we really are. Remember this is meant to be taken lightly.

ARIES
March 21 to April 20

Aries people won't do anything anyone else's way even if the ship they're on is the titanic and a huge iceberg looms dead ahead. They won't admit to their error even if they hit a pedestrian crossing the street. When screwed over they have nut crunching tempers and have a tendency to be in a pissy mood.

Aries have a really cute possessive personality. Jealously is the biggest bone in their body. Luckily they have tons of energy for sports like tennis, twister and stalking. Captain conceited should be their middle name because they think so highly of themselves.

Famous Arieses: Adolph Hitler and Charles Manson.

TAURUS
April 21 to May 20

Taurus people love a routine and will assault you, perhaps sexually if tampered with. Their sweet talk tends to cross the line

and resembles none other than Pepe LePew.

They are infatuated with money and rarely spend more than a buck or two for a birthday gift. Although they are innovators in their profession they are extremely selfish and insincere. This is how they get the job done.

Famous Tauruses: Queen Elizabeth II, Saddam Hussein

GEMINI
May 21 to June 20

Geminis are totally unreliable and can't do anything right. The only thing they can do right is to be depressed and they've got that down to an art. They can't stand being alone; that is why Gemini is the sign of the twins. Gemini's are the life of the party and tend to sleep around. The only thing they can commit to is brunch. They have a soft spot for greeting cards, furry animals and porn.

Famous Gemini's: Mr. T., Boy George

CANCER
June 21 to July 21

Loving, shy and enjoy company.... are all bold face lies about Cancers. They are pushy, aggressive and can't stand having people around.

They enjoy keeping to themselves and you can find them looting through jacket pockets at house parties and enjoy getting their "salad tossed."

Famous Cancers: Mike Tyson, George W. Bush

LEO
July 23 to August 22

Leos love using people and are willing to sleep their way to the top. They are the PROCRASTINATOR (say it with Arnold's voice). The famous saying I'll be back applies beautifully with Leos. Why? Because they'll be back to finish what they started after watching TV, calling friends and surfing the net.

Leos want to lead but end up smashing into a tree and landing in a ditch. They end up blowing

their tempers and moping the rest of the night.

Humor isn't their specialty and most have a really loud annoying laugh, but they do have a nice wardrobe as they will be the first to tell you.

Famous Leo's: Monica Lewinsky, Nell Carter

VIRGO
August 23 to September 22

Virgos are picky and fussy and are bothered a lot by others crappy work and habits. They'll do the work for you while pointing out how useless you are. Virgos choose to be councilors, gym teachers, prison wardens and professional bowlers. They are bloodhounds when it comes to money because they keep track of every single cent. And rarely do you see them without their calculator. They coined the term, "I left my wallet at home." Virgos are not easy to live with. They are stubborn, selfish and can hold a grudge forever.

Famous Virgos: Yasser Arafat, Macaulay Culkin and Mother Teresa

LIBRA
September 23 to October 22

Jealousy is a problem with Libras. A tracking device is a mandatory on their loved ones. They tend to overreact, over spend and tend to be a wee bit insecure. No, nobody is talking behind your back, chill out. Libras like routine and must have their meals served on time while watching their favorite re-runs. They are cowards and tend to crack under pressure. They will not hesitate to knock old ladies and kids to the ground while running out of a burning building.

Famous Libras: Lee Harvey Oswald, Kato Kalin

SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21

Scorpios are always trying to please everyone. They have a way with words which makes people think they are great lovers.

They aren't. Scorpios feel they are on top of the world and everyone should be grateful for them. The only person who can marry a Scorpio is a Scorpio. They deserve it. Scorpios are vindictive and take their time for everything. His or her verbal cruelty is matched by none other than Simon from American Idol.

Famous Scorpios: Hilary Clinton, Mahatma Gandhi

SAGITTARIUS
November 22 to December 20

"Schizophrenic, paranoid and angry, but a nice person" best describes the average Sagittarius. It's a surprise how many make it through each day without making the 6:00 o'clock news. They love causing trouble and have a bad temper. Sagittarians are recklessly irresponsible with money. The casino is their home away from home, and they are willing to bet the wife and kids.

Famous Sagittarians: Little Richard, Woody Allen, Walt Disney

CAPRICORN
December 21 to January 19

Capricorns are as much fun as fishing with a nun. Sleeping and taking naps are their hobbies. They enjoy day dreaming and relaxing. Capricorns are known to be devious and greedy. They are so greedy that they are willing to hide cookies and hair gel from anyone.

Famous Capricorns: Sir Isaac Newton, Richard Nixon

AQUARIUS
January 20 to February 18

Aquarians always seem to make things up and tell unnecessary lies. For example they will go on and on about a boyfriend or girlfriend they have that doesn't even exist. Aquarians are notorious one-uppers. "Oh yeah? Well one time I had dinner with the Vancouver Canucks." Aquarians are ridiculously self-conscious and are always playing with their "rug." They are emotionally un-

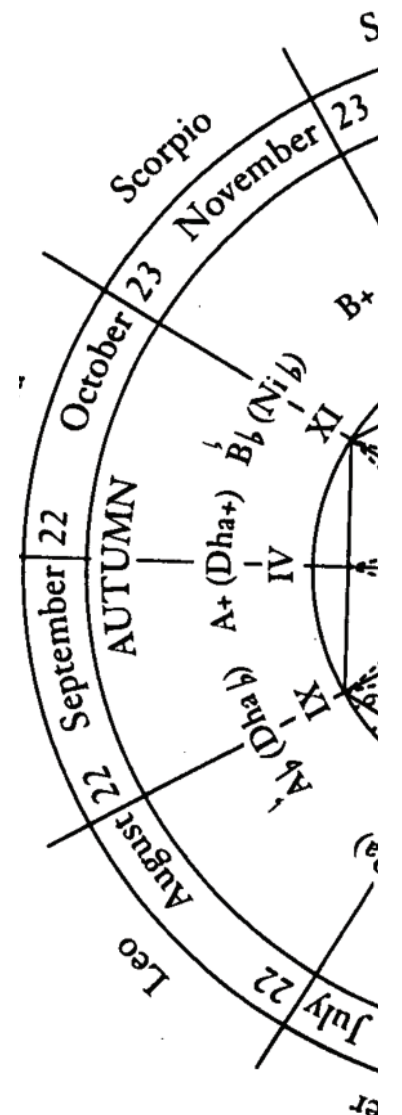
balanced and love to cry for attention, better put they are drama queens. Aquarians are very generous and friendly people, yet they have no friends. The only luck they have is bad.

Famous Aquarians: Michael Jackson, O.J. Simpson

PISCES
February 19 to March 20

Pisceans are frightfully sensitive and would back stroke in the Fraser River to avoid getting their feelings hurt. They are riddled with indecision and have many bitter, restless nights. Pisceans can never find their keys and can never figure out where all they're money went.

Famous Pisceans: Bob Barker, Squire Barnes



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